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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **City of Falls Church Celebrates Arbor Day With Unveiling of “Virginia Arbor Day Commons” Plan Saturday, April 22, 2006**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Arbor Day goes back to its roots this year with a celebration at Frady Park, the site of the first Arbor Day celebration in the City of Falls Church and the Commonwealth of Virginia. This 114<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day celebration will be held Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

The public is invited to this FREE event, which will feature the unveiling of the proposed Virginia Arbor Day Commons plan, which is scheduled for completion in Frady Park during the Virginia quadracentennial year. “The Commons” commemorates the site of Virginia’s first Arbor Day.

The festivities will also include a presentation of Falls Church City’s 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive Tree City, U.S.A. award by the National Arbor day Foundation. Falls Church City was the first community in Virginia to be recognized as a Tree City and has the longest state record for this annual award. The 2006 Falls Church Tree-of-the-Year, the American elm “Valley Forge,” will also be planted during the event, in memory of Paul Smail, a long-time City resident who recently passed away.

For more information, please call the City Arborist at 703-248-5183 (TTY 711), or visit [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov).

**WHAT:** Arbor Day Celebration  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 22, 2006  
**TIME:** 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Frady Park  
300 Block of East Broad Street at Fairfax Street  
Falls Church, VA 22046

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